

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

DIVERSIFIED LENDERS, LLC,

Plaintiff,

V.

AMAZON LOGISTICS, INC., and
VERTICAL HOLDINGS UNLIMITED,
LLC,

Defendants.

Cause No. C16-1232RSL

**ORDER GRANTING IN PART
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO EXTEND
CASE MANAGEMENT DEADLINES**

AMAZON LOGISTICS, INC.,

Cross-Claim Plaintiff,

V.

VERTICAL HOLDINGS UNLIMITED, LLC

Cross-Claim Defendant.

This matter comes before the Court on “Plaintiff Diversified Lenders, LLC’s Motion to Compel the Court’s Amended Order Setting Trial Date & Related Dates.” Dkt. # 93. Although Plaintiff failed to respond to plaintiff’s third requests for production within the thirty days required by the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure, the bulk of the production (10,000 pages) was completed on May 26, 2017, with a handful of documents produced thereafter. Recognizing that

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1 the delay in production would impact the orderly completion of discovery, defendant repeatedly
2 offered to discuss an extension of the case management deadlines. Plaintiff was non-responsive
3 until May 31, 2017, when it accused defendant of wrongfully withholding the documents until
4 45 days before the discovery cutoff. Defendant's supplemental productions were made on June
5 19, June 30, and July 6.

6 On July 5, 2017, four days before the discovery cutoff, plaintiff requested a telephone
7 conference to discuss the case management deadlines. Defendant agreed to the conference, but
8 was unwilling to agree to the four month extension plaintiff requested. Rather, defendant
9 stipulated to the completion of its 30(b)(6) depositions outside the discovery period and agreed
10 to postpone the dispositive motion deadline. Plaintiff filed this motion, arguing that it needs
11 additional time in which to serve additional discovery regarding the newly-produced documents,
12 to issue subpoenas to third parties, and to amend its complaint.

14 Having reviewed the memoranda, declarations, and exhibits submitted by the parties, the
15 Court finds that a four month extension of the discovery deadline is not warranted. Plaintiff has
16 had the bulk of defendant's production since the end of May: any follow-up discovery should
17 have been served immediately and/or pursued at the 30(b)(6) depositions. Nevertheless, a limited
18 extension of the case management deadlines is appropriate to ensure that the parties have time to
19 digest all of the available information before drafting their summary judgment motions. The last
20 deposition is scheduled, by agreement, for August 16, 2017. The Clerk of Court is therefore
21 directed to issue a revised case management order which provides at least thirty days between
22 that date and the dispositive motion deadline. The deadline for amending pleadings passed on
23 May 10, 2017: plaintiff was well aware of that date and has made no effort to show good cause
24 for its extension.

For all of the foregoing reasons, plaintiff's motion for a continuance of the case management deadlines is GRANTED in part.

Dated this 7th day of August, 2017.

Robert S. Lasnik
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United States District Judge